

# NEWS FROM SUFFOLK AND OTHER PARTS OF VIRGINIA

## TOWN OF SUFFOLK.

### Numerous Cases Set for Trial in the Circuit Court.

Ten Thousand Dollar Damage Suit Against the Norfolk and Western Railroad to Be Called To-Day—Confederate Veterans Elect Officers.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Suffolk, Va., April 10.—Circuit Judge Prentiss to-day intimated that he should reverse the lower court in its decision of the case, E. L. Polk vs. J. L. Joyner. The court said it was of the opinion that the decision would be reversed, but it was possible to have a change of mind.

The case is one whose uniqueness has no parallel in local annals, and to decide which there is no precedent. Using round numbers Joyner gave Polk a check for \$150 when there was only \$50 in bank to meet it. To make sure of the \$50 Polk placed \$70 of his own to Joyner's credit, and drew out the whole. He then sought to recover the \$70, but County Judge Kilby ruled in Joyner's favor. The case is arousing a keen interest.

McLemore & Corbett appeared for Polk and R. W. Withers for Joyner.

### ASSIGNMENT OF CASES.

The case of W. J. Pool's administrators vs. the Norfolk and Western Railroad will be called to-morrow. They want \$10,000 for the killing of Pool near Lake Kilby last June.

The case of Willis Wells' administrators, a similar suit, is set to follow.

Christopher Norfleet vs. Atlantic and Danville railroad, 18th.

Tunis Lumber Company vs. R. G. Dennis Lumber Company, which was returned by the Court of Appeals, October 15.

There is a new case between the same litigants.

James C. Reed vs. Jeremiah Jones, 16th.

American Fertilizer Company vs. J. W. Darden and the same vs. J. Jones; dismissed on motion of the plaintiff.

Charles Reid & Sons vs. S. F. Warrington, continued by consent.

Issue T. Wilson vs. W. N. Camp, continued.

### WRIGHT VS. SUFFOLK.

The common law suit of former Treasurer C. W. Wright vs. Suffolk was dismissed. The plaintiff elected to have the matter settled in a chancery case.

John R. Young, Jr. vs. W. Q. Folk; continued.

Legore Hargroves vs. Newsome & Langston; dismissed.

There were several judgments and several chancery decrees.

Among the visiting attorneys attending court were Colonel R. E. Boykin, Smithfield; J. P. Epps, Nottoway county; Colonel K. R. Griffin, Portsmouth; Richard B. Davis, Petersburg, and Mr. Allen, of Norfolk.

### VETERANS CHOOSE OFFICERS.

There was an election of officers last night in the Tom Smith Camp of Confederate Veterans. The following were chosen: Thomas W. Smith, commander; George T. Parker, first lieutenant; commander; Robert R. Allen, second lieutenant; commander; H. E. Smith, third lieutenant; commander; Richard S. Boykin, adjutant; Robert E. Norfleet, quartermaster; John M. Shepherd, sergeant-major; A. P. Gomer, treasurer; Jacob E. Dargatzis, color sergeant; W. H. Barnes, color guard; Rev. Daniel B. Austin, chaplain; Rev. J. H. Kabler, assistant chaplain; Dr. George W. Butts, surgeon.

The camp officially approved the appointment of the Pension Bureau.

### WON A MEDAL.

Word reached Suffolk to-day that Joseph E. B. Holladay, of Suffolk, had won the declaimers' medal in the Philanthropic Literary Society at Hampden-Sydney College. His declamation was spoken well of.

### ROCKED A TRAIN.

This morning when the cannon ball train was within two or three miles of Norfolk a rock met the windows with force and broke it. The train was stopped to put off Hurricane Branch, who looked for the person at the other end of the rock. The detective found the alleged miscreant, Archie Wright, seven years old, the son of a colored preacher. The boy's mother gave him a sound thrashing in preference to having him locked up.

### FOUND A WELL.

Three boys were made ill and one of them is now in a critical condition by drinking poisoned water from an old well which they found and whose existence only few people knew about. That was more than a week ago, Harlowe Bell, Lloyd Barton and Marion Hill, all aged seven, and Sheridan Bell, a little younger, found the well under a house. The water was near the top and they drew up two cupsful apiece with an old pump. All but Lloyd were taken sick. Now they are out of danger, all except Sheridan, whose condition is bad.

### GATESVILLE SUPERIOR COURT.

The Suffolk and Carolina Railroad was to-day defendant in two cases before the Superior Court at Gatesville, N. C., Judge Albert L. Coble, of the First district, presiding. Both cases were continued, one on motion of the plaintiff.

Tom Trotman and B. W. Jones sought to recover damages because they alleged the railroad damaged their properties by water. Attorney William Bond presented Trotman. Judge George Cowper appeared for Jones and Attorney W. D. Pruden was the railroad's counsel.

There was an interesting case over a cow, which may be taken to a higher court.

Court adjourned this evening. Some of the officers will attend the Democratic convention at Raleigh.

### PROPOSED ICE FACTORY.

Suffolk may have a new ice factory in operation by early summer. A party of capitalists came to-day and after looking over the prospects and land site were well pleased. There is a fine opening here for a properly managed ice plant. An option was taken on a location near the south end of Sycamore street. Those in the party were Mr. J. S. Greese, Norfolk, and Messrs. Waggoner and Chapman, of Washington, D. C. Messrs. Hosier and Keller showed them around.

### PERSONAL.

Mr. Samuel S. Hosier and five other

members of his family are ill, some of them seriously. They are Mr. Hosier, Mrs. Hosier, the latter's mother, and three children.

Barbara Wright, a well liked colored woman, is dead, aged 64 years. Her funeral was conducted from the First Baptist church.

Mr. J. W. Lynch, of Kinston, N. C., to-day visited his former home in Suffolk.

Colonel J. H. Macleary will leave day after tomorrow for Europe to stay several weeks.

Rev. John Stanley Thomas left to-day to attend a meeting of the Norfolk Presbytery in Accomac county, Va. There will be no mid-week services at the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. W. G. Egan is ill.

Rev. James T. Whitley, pastor of the First Methodist church in Hampton, was in Suffolk to-day.

Mrs. S. P. Darden, of Lawrenceville, has concluded a visit to her mother, Mrs. O. K. Pruner.

## HAMPTON.

POLICE INVESTIGATION—UNFORTUNATE FAMILY—TRIAL DAY—BREVITIES.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Hampton, Va., April 10.—The Board of Police Commissioners have before them a serious charge, which was preferred a few days ago against Town Sergeant Cunningham by a man named Crowther, who resides on Hope street.

Mr. Crowther alleges that Sergeant Cunningham recently engaged in an improper conversation with one of his children. The child, he says, repeated the officer's words to Mrs. Crowther, from whom he learned the story. He at once sought Mayor Hope and demanded an investigation, which was ordered and is now in progress.

It is understood that Sergeant Cunningham does not deny having conversed with the child. He does deny, however, that his motive in doing so was in any sense improper. He explains that a distress warrant had been placed in his hands for service, and that, not wishing to cause Mr. Crowther trouble concerning it, he undertook to obtain from one of his children certain information which he did not feel disposed to go to the house for.

The Crowthers are highly respectable people, but as much can be said for Sergeant Cunningham. He was chosen as Town Sergeant a year ago, at which time one of the points urged in his favor was his upright life. He has been for a long time a member of the Queen Street Methodist Church, in the affairs of which he takes an active part. His friends feel certain that Mr. Crowther is mistaken as to the sergeant's purpose in talking with the child, and express the belief that when all the facts have been brought out the accused officer will need no further vindication.

The fact that charges have been preferred against Sergeant Cunningham is not generally known, and it is not unlikely, therefore, that its announcement will create a sensation. The story has been known to one or two newspaper men for a week, but at the request of the Mayor it was decided to withhold it until to-day. It is thought that the Police Board will close the investigation in a day or two, but what the verdict will be can only be guessed at, as the body has conducted the inquiry behind closed doors.

AN UNFORTUNATE FAMILY.

The death of Elijah Thomas at Newport News yesterday recalls the fact that he was the fourth member of the family whose life was ended by violence. Twenty-odd years ago his father, one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Elizabeth City county, was murdered in the night time at his door by robbers.

Elijah Thomas had retired, but hearing suspicious sounds in the vicinity of his barn arose and was in the act of leaving the house when he was shot. A few years later one of his sons was killed by the accidental discharge of a gun while hunting. On the afternoon of May 3, 1897, Benjamin Thomas, another son, was fatally injured at the Marsh Market, in this city, by being caught between a cart wheel and a trolley pole while trying to stop a runaway horse.

Elijah Thomas was well liked here. On last Sunday he came down from Newport News to visit his little boy, who is ill at the house of his grandmother, on Upper Queen street, with measles. Upon taking his leave he told his mother that he would be sure to return Tuesday night. Mr. Thomas was cheerful and went away leaving upon the minds of his friends the impression that he was free from care.

The news that he had killed himself was a shock to the many people in Hampton who knew him.

TRIAL DAY AT SOLDIERS' HOME.

Yesterday was judgment day at the Soldiers' Home, and Governor Woodfin was kept busy for two or three hours disposing of the cases of half a hundred offenders. The Governor is noted for the speed at which he keeps the wheels of justice going round in the Home court. Ordinarily it takes him but little more than a minute to get through with a case, but notwithstanding the rapidity of his decisions he seldom errs.

The veteran boys in blue before him yesterday were charged with all the offenses known to the Home catalogue. Some had been drunk, others had been the victims of bad temper, many had jumped the fence and some had abused nass privileges. The punishment inflicted ranged all the way from a day or two on the dump to ninety days on the limits.

### BREVITIES.

The Board of Managers of the Soldiers' Home, who have been here several days inspecting the Home, left yesterday for the North. Governor Woodfin was highly complimented upon his excellent management of the institution.

City Sergeant William L. Spencer, whose death occurred at his home in Williamsburg Sunday, was well known here. Mr. Spencer was the uncle of Prof. Dudley R. Cowles, for several years the principal of the High school of this city.

Officials of the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company were here yesterday. It is said that one of the objects of their visit was the consideration of plans for the management of the attractive summer resort at Buckroe Beach. Mr. Charles Hewins, who had charge of the hotel last year, had been asked, it is said, to take the place for the coming season.

Oscar Williams, the West End druggist, has secured an ingenious device for preventing children sent to his store from opening bottles containing medicines. After it has been attached it is impossible to tamper with a bottle.

## NEWPORT NEWS.

### SPIRIT OF PROGRESS ON THE PENINSULA.

Newport News, Va., April 10.—It is reliably averred that among the new enterprises which will be commenced and pushed to completion in this section of the State long before the close of the present year is another electric railway between Newport News, Hampton and Old Point. Several charters were granted by the Legislature during its recent session, one of which, at least, was asked for by gentlemen who mean business. It is positively stated that the company, to which these remarks refer is not in the field for the purpose of acquiring privileges to be placed upon the market and sold out to the highest bidder, or to any bidder at all, for that matter, but that it intends to build a power-house, lay rails and run cars in which it will carry people from Newport News to Hampton at the moderate charge of five cents per head.

The route which the new line will pursue has not been made public, but it is believed that it will follow the splendid stretch of beach between the two towns. The distance from this city to Hampton would be but little greater than by the Newport News and Old Point road, but the ride along the shore of historic waters in which the Merrimac and Monitor fought would more than compensate for the addition of five or ten minutes to the journey. It is stated, however, that an equipment embracing the latest improvements will enable the company to reduce the time between the two cities to eighteen or twenty minutes.

Sometime ago a rumor was quietly floating about to the effect that a large summer hotel would be erected this year on the beach midway between Hampton and Newport News, and that, while it would ostensibly appear as the property of private individuals, it would be conducted by an electric railway company. Thus far, however, nothing has occurred to indicate that such an enterprise is contemplated, unless it be that the gentlemen who are interested in the proposed beach line intend to build and operate a hotel and waterside resort as a means of placing their railroad project on a solid basis.

But seeing is believing. The people hereabouts, who are ready to welcome any legitimate enterprise to their midst, will begin to believe that the Peninsula is going to have another railroad which will carry them to and fro for a nickel fare, when they see it. One thing is certain, and that is that the councils of the two towns will hear from Vox Populi if municipal favors are granted unaccompanied by the provision that there shall be no transfer of privileges.

### PHOEBUS.

NEW ORDER OF THINGS—A TRUE STORY—BRIEF MENTION.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Phoebus, Va., April 10.—It is said that on May 1 a new order of things will be introduced here, and that the lawlessness which has given the town a bad name will permanently disappear. On that day the new liquor licenses will be issued and the fiscal year will commence. As all licenses will go by favor of the Town Council, only men who can satisfy that body that their purpose is to conduct orderly establishments will be granted licenses.

The town will exact a fee of \$100 for the privilege, and another hundred will go to the State. Later the State fee may be increased to \$200, the sum paid by the saloon men of Hampton. There are many applications for saloon privileges, but it is said that a number will be disappointed.

SAY THE STORY IS TRUE.

The story which was told on Monday, that John Brooks, the negro who was found dying on County street Sunday night, was in the habit of drinking large quantities of kerosene oil, appears, despite the fact that it was at first laughed at, to be true. Dr. Galt, the well-known druggist, yesterday told the correspondent of the Virginian-Pilot that he had seen Brooks drink at one draught a pint and a half of the oil and immediately afterward eat a handful of salt. Brooks claimed to have a cast iron and poison-proof stomach, and had been known to ask for a spoonful of arsenic, saying he desired to eat it. The doctor thinks he died of asthma.

### BRIEF MENTION.

Dr. Turner, who has been ill for some time, has gone to his old home, in Smithfield. He will probably remain until he fully recovers.

The handsome building being erected for the use of the Bank of Phoebus is rapidly nearing completion. It is the largest and finest structure in the place and would be creditable to a much larger town.

Mr. James M. Cumming, the editor of the Phoebus Sentinel, the springy little weekly published here, has put in his office the largest safe ever seen in this section.

### OLD POINT.

ENTERTAINMENTS—TEACHERS DEPART—AUTOMOBILE RUN.

Old Point, April 10.—Princeton's famous Glee Club will be here in a day or two, as will also the Johns Hopkins Glee, Mandolin and Banjo Club. The latter will give a concert Friday night and on the following evening Princeton will be the attraction. Both entertainments will be given in the ball-room of the Hygeia. Both hotels are full of guests and these two musical events are being looked forward to with decided interest.

Friday morning the Yale Baseball Club will be here and also make its headquarters at the Hygeia. Several games will be played with local men during the visit of the club.

### TEACHERS DEPART.

Thirty teachers from the North, who have been enjoying themselves at the Chamberlain for several days, left yesterday, by way of Norfolk, for their homes. The party made many friends here during their stay. It said that a

more charming company of Northern ladies has never visited Old Point. They were out on their spring vacation.

AUTOMOBILE AT HAMPTON.

Ned, Chiles, the popular liveryman, has in his stables at Hampton the first automobile to reach the Peninsula. It is propelled by a gasoline engine and is capable of a speed of forty miles an hour. In a few days it will leave Hampton for Richmond, from which city it will make the run to Baltimore and other points, including Harrisburg, Pa.

A CAKE WALK.

The attraction at the Hygeia to-night will be a cake walk in which a number of the most accomplished and stylish pedestrians will appear.

## PETERSBURG.

FIRE IN LUNenburg—HAMOVER PRESBYTERY—OTHER MATTERS.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Petersburg, Va., April 10.—The dwelling house of Mr. Lee Nash, in Lunenburg county, together with his tobacco barn and corn crib, were destroyed by fire last Saturday. The loss is \$2,000.

WIFE-BEATER FINED.

William Massey, who removed to Petersburg two or three weeks ago from Norfolk, was arrested yesterday afternoon for assaulting and beating his wife, and this morning he was before the Mayor to answer for the charge. He was fined \$10 and costs and required to give bond in the penalty of \$50 for three months. He was jailed in default.

EAST HAMOVER PRESBYTERY.

The spring session of the East Hamover Presbytery met to-night at Ashland. The delegates from Petersburg are: From Tabb Street Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. W. Roseboro, D. D., the pastor, and Mr. Robert C. Osborne, and from Old Street Church, Mr. George Hawkins. At this session of the Presbytery Mr. John Roseboro, a son of Rev. Dr. J. W. Roseboro, of this city; Mr. Frank Jones, of Brunswick county, and Mr. Frank Allen, of Ford's, Dinwiddie county, will be taken under the care of the Presbytery as candidates for the ministry. The delegates will be elected to the General Assembly, which meets in Atlanta in May next.

CENSUS SUPERVISOR.

As Major F. R. Lassiter, of this city, is a candidate for this district, it is understood that Major A. R. Venable, of Farmville, will probably succeed him as Census Supervisor. There are one hundred and six census enumerators to be appointed in the district, for which there are already 325 applicants. Petersburg will have fifteen enumerators, and there are thirty-five applications already in.

BAND LEADER.

Mr. W. B. Thacker has signed a contract for one year as leader of the Petersburg Grays band. This band will play at the Richmond Carnival next month.

## WILLIAMSBURG.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE SERGEANT SPENCER.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Williamsburg, Va., April 10.—The funeral of the late Sergeant William L. Spencer took place to-day at 12 m. from Burton Episcopal Church. The sacred edifice was filled to overflowing, thus testifying to the esteem in which the deceased was held. The services were conducted by the Rev. W. T. Roberts, rector, assisted by Rev. Lyman B. Wharton. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. The internment was made in Cedar Grove Cemetery, and as the large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends gathered around the grave, and while the earth was being placed over all that was mortal of our late friend and associate, the sweet strains of sacred music were wafted through this city of the dead, bringing tears of affection to the eyes of those who had come to pay the last tribute of respect to one they knew and loved so well in life.

Among those in attendance from a distance were Rev. Robert S. Coupland, of Charleston—W. Va.; Mr. John R. Coupland, of Norfolk, brothers-in-law of the deceased; Mr. H. L. Hundley, Mr. Spencer Henley and Mr. Frank Henley, of Newport News; Mr. E. D. Spencer, of New York, brother of the deceased, and Mr. S. S. Hankins and Mr. Coleman Whitaker, of James City. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Mr. L. T. Christian, of Richmond, the well-known funeral director.

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